Solapur-Gadag Gauge conversion will be done on cost sharing basis between Ministry of Railways and Government of Karnataka. Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project will be done through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) route. Cabinet Note for formation of SPV for Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project has been sent for consideration of CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs).

Downsizing Tindharia workshop

3848. SHRITARINI KANTA ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that N.F. Railway has decided to downsize Tindharia workshop; and

(b) if so, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. (b) Does not arise.

Udhampur-Qazigund rail line

3849. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways propose to lay rail line between Udhampur and Qazigund and how much money has been provided from the Rail Budget for the years 2002-03; and 2003-04, year-wise; and

(b) by when the line between Udhampur and Qazigund would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Udhampur-Qazigund rail line is a part of Udhampur-Qazigund-Baramulla rail line project which is targeted for completion by August 15, 2007. An outlay of Rs. 400 crore was provided for this project during 2002-03 and outlay proposed for the year 2003-04 is Rs. 500 crore.

Selection of CSIR's traditional knowledge database for pilot study

3850. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CSIR's traditional knowledge database was selected for pilot study by 170 member States by Inter-Governmental Committee at WIPO;